

COUNTRY East German

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TOPIC Military Information from the Lossa Training Area

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REMARKS

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1. On 18 July, two trains from the direction of Artern passed through the Rossleben (M 52/D 50) railroad station.

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2. Between 11 and 15 July, the Lossa-Crossmenra-Langenroda training area was cordoned off by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia and signs were put up.

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Eighteen officers with artillery insignia and two radio operators left the target range 2,000 meters south of Wiehe and walked toward a tent camp west of the Lossa-Wiehe road. Forty trucks, 4 x 122-mm field howitzers and 2 x 37-mm AA guns were parked along the southern border of the camp. Wooden buildings and a tent camp with a motor vehicle repair shop and a fuel dump were determined about 500 meters south of the target area south of Wiehe.

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Four 100-mm AT guns were in two other camps along the Lossa-Wiehe road. Numerous imprints of track-laying vehicles were noticed in the Hauteerde-Beichlingen area.

A detail of eight soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets unloaded 3-meter long timber from 1 railroad car at the Lossa railroad station on 11 July. Military personnel that arrived at the Lossa railroad station from the direction of Naumburg on 15 July included: 1 colonel, 1 lieutenant colonel and 20 other officers, all wearing artillery insignia; and 60 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery, tank and signal insignia. Officers leaving Lossa by train included 1 officer with tank insignia, and 3 officers with artillery insignia. One of the officers, with artillery insignia, left the train in Naumburg and, accompanied by 4 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets carrying the luggage, walked to the barracks installation. (3)

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3. Between 11 and 15 July, no troops were in Forst Ziegelroda, north of the Lossa troop training area. However, according to rumors troops were

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expected to arrive for practices any day. (4)

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(3) The officers are believed to belong to the HQ XXIX Cds Mts Rifle Corps in
Hannover.

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